

BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on 4 March 2008 at Brown Library. At 7:00 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 16 members and guest (despite the threat of severe weather).

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read with one correction: the spelling of Tyrell County. The treasurer's report was given. No correspondence report was given. Mary Disharoon was absent due to the death of her son. Cards and phone calls most likely appreciated. Members present signed a card for her.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no committee reports except for the Schools Project. Jean said she is still working on it. Albert Everson said he'd had no further contact with Weyerhauser personnel concerning researching their properties for cemeteries. Louise Cowell and Jean mentioned we need articles/information for our June journal. They should be in Louise's hands no later than 1 May. Jean reminded everyone of our upcoming trip to Archives on 3 May 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean read a proposed amendment to the BCGS By-laws that the Board of Directors suggested. A copy was distributed to each member. We will vote on it at our next regular meeting.

Willene Brinn introduced the speaker for the evening: Jack Wallace. Mr. Wallace opened by mentioning he and deceased member John Oden were close friends. He respects and appreciates the work BCGS is doing in the search for and documentation of cemeteries. The history uncovered in the search aids in preserving the 300-year history of Bath and surrounding area.

He provided us with a brief biographical/genealogical sketch of his own family. His great grandfather Woolard was aboard the overloaded Marion when she sank in 1916. He attempted to save the 4 ladies trapped in the cabin but was rendered unconscious by a falling object and drowned. Mr. Wallace is the fourth child of ten his parents raised in the Bath area. In 1948 he received the very first sports scholarship that East Carolina teachers College (now East Carolina University) awarded. He later played base ball for the Chicago Cubs. The summer league he played in ended on a Saturday and he was drafted the following Monday. He spent most of his time in service in Korea. He was invited back to Korea in the 1980s to receive an honorary award from the Korean Government. After military service he coached sports, taught classroom subjects and later became principal of Bath School, retiring in 1997. He enjoyed his commentary immensely and thank him for spending time with us.

Our next meeting will be on 1 April 2008 at Brown Library at 7:00 p.m. Russell Tyson motioned, Louise seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernetta Lange